

## TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1844.

### SENATE.

Mr. CRITTENDEN, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made an adverse report upon a private bill.

Mr. EVANS, from the Committee on Finance, reported adversely on the House bill for improving the Territory of Wisconsin.

Mr. BAGBY, on leave, introduced a bill for paying Joshua Kennedy, of Ala., losses sustained by him in 1813, when his house was occupied as a garrison by the troops of the U. S.

On motion of Mr. MERRICK, the previous orders were postponed, and the bill for the relief of Capt. Charles W. Morgan, U. S. N., was taken up, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. BAYARD, the bill for the relief of widows of the officers and crew of the Grampus, was taken up.

Mr. HUNTINGTON moved an amendment, embracing the children, where the widow was since deceased.

Mr. FAIRFIELD submitted an amendment, extending the provisions of the bill to the case of the U. S. ship Adams, destroyed by fire in September, 1813; the amendment was adopted.

Mr. EVANS thought the bill departed entirely from the principles of the one passed in the House.

Mr. BAYARD explained that the committee of the House had not understood that, under existing laws, these widows were already entitled to pension; the only difficulty was to fix the day upon which the pension should commence; the bill assumes 1st of March, 1843, as the period when the Grampus foundered at sea.

After some other amendments had been offered, the bill was laid aside for the present.

Mr. WOODBRIDGE moved to take up the bill for abolishing the office of Solicitor of the Land Office. The bill was taken up, and the report of the Commissioner, recommending that the office be dispensed with, was read.

Mr. BARROW opposed the measure, as one which would be attended with serious inconvenience to his State. He insisted upon the necessity of a law officer in the Land office. The hour of one came round, and the Senate laid aside this bill to take up the special order.

### THE DISTRICT BANKS.

The bill to recharter these banks was read.

Mr. SEVIER submitted a long amendment, the substance of which was that, in case of the failure of any of the banks, the directors should first be liable for the debt, and, in case of their insufficiency, then each of the stockholders to twice the amount of his or her respective share.

Mr. MILLER, who reported the bill, said that, as it was extremely desirable these banks should be allowed to continue their business, he should not oppose the amendment.

Mr. TAPPAN moved further to amend, by declaring that the stockholders should be liable as partners in trade as by law for partnership debts. This was rejected.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Sevier's amendment was agreed to by a vote of 21 to 19. The amendment was ordered to be printed, and the Senate passed into Executive session.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[The House attempted to hold a night session on Tuesday, but were obliged to adjourn, for want of a quorum. As the journal was read, we learnt that at 10 minutes after 7 o'clock, Mr. HOPKINS moved an adjournment, which was carried by 22 to 13.]

Mr. WELLER moved a suspension of the rules to enable him to submit a resolution rescinding the one already passed, by which the Tariff debate was to conclude to day at 1 o'clock, and extending the time until Friday at 1 o'clock.

Mr. CAVE JOHNSON moved a call of the House.

Mr. COBB, of Ga., desired to know, before voting, whether gentlemen on the other side still insisted upon adjourning on the 27th instant?

Certainly, certainly, was the response of several Whigs.

A call of the House was commenced, but at the suggestion of Mr. VANCE, it was dispensed with, and the yeas and nays were taken at once on the motion to suspend the rules, and were yeas 92 nays 77; so two thirds not voting in the affirmative, the motion was lost.

Mr. BARNARD then submitted a resolution that all debate on the Tariff bill should cease on Friday at 1 o'clock, and that this resolution should have force, any previous order to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The SPEAKER decided the resolution out of order.

Mr. BARNARD appealed and argued that it did not require two-thirds to rescind the order of the House—that a majority might set aside any rule which was not among the standing rules.

The SPEAKER did not deny this, but said the first step was to rescind the resolution passed, otherwise the House would have two conflicting resolutions before it of equal efficacy.

The yeas and nays were called on the appeal, and the Speaker's decision was sustained, yeas 110, nays 63.

A motion was made to go into Committee of the Whole, and Mr. BARNARD demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and stood 112 to 59.

### "BRITISH" TARIFF BILL.

It was nearly one o'clock when the committee was formed.

Mr. HOPKINS was called to the Chair.

Mr. DUNCAN took the floor, and exhibited some printed canvass, which he called "Whig banners." Considerable noise prevailed during this puppet show, and it was with difficulty that Mr. Burt, of S. C., could obtain his right to the floor.

Mr. BURT, having succeeded in getting the floor, made the best use of his limited time in condemning the tariff of '42, while, at the same time, he expresses himself as by no means satisfied with the present bill. The policy of protection was grinding the South to dust, &c.

Messrs. ELLIS, of N. Y., and WINTHROP, of Mass., said a few words, and then the hour of one brought the Chairman's hammer to the desk. All debate was at an end.

The pending amendment was to increase the duty on coarse manufactured wool from 15 to 30 per cent., and this was rejected by 77 to 49. It was then moved to fix the duty at 25 per cent., and this was carried by 85 to 65.

The House then went on with the bill, and voted upon all sorts of amendments.

The clause, towards the close of the bill, re-

ducing all duties exceeding 25 cent. to this amount on the 1st September, 1845, was struck out by a vote of 75 to 64.

At half past 3 o'clock the committee rose, and reported the bill.

The floor was assigned to Mr. McKAY, who said he was too feeble to proceed with any remarks, but he had designed to submit some.

Cries of "Adjourn, adjourn," were heard. Mr. DROMGOOLE submitted a resolution that the bill should continue to be the special order for to-morrow, and until finally disposed of.

With the understanding that Mr. McKAY has the floor in the morning, The House adjourned.

## LOCAL NEWS.

**MAY BALL.**—The annual fete of Mr. Labbé is announced for this evening at the Assembly Rooms. The deservedly high reputation which Mr. L. has acquired in the direction of these affairs, renders any commendation from us unnecessary. Those who attend will be richly repaid.

Communicated.

### THE FAIR AT CONCERT HALL.

MR. TOWERS: As you have manifested a considerable degree of concern in local affairs, since you have favored the public with your useful sheet, I hope you will allow us to give, through your columns, a passing notice of the Fair now being held at Concert Hall in behalf of the Second Presbyterian Church of our city. The object is to relieve that Church of some of its financial embarrassments, and enable it to increase its sphere of usefulness. We were much delighted in a visit we made this Fair last evening. The tables were covered with elegant and useful articles, which were vended by most graceful and interesting young ladies, who appeared determined to render the visit of their patrons gratifying and joyous. There is an excellent band of music in attendance, and a great diversity of attraction. We would recommend all our citizens and strangers to drop into this Fair during the evenings it will be held, and they may depend upon receiving more than *quid pro quo* for their time and money, with the consciousness, too, that they have countenanced a laudable undertaking.

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**PERSEVERANCE FIRE COMPANY.**—A meeting of the Company will be held at the Engine house this (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock.

V. HARBAUGH, Sec'y.

**FAIR.**—A sale of useful and ornamental articles will be commenced by the Ladies of the Second Presbyterian Church on Monday next, May 6, at Concert Hall, (Todd's Rooms), four doors west of Brown's Hotel. They very respectfully invite the citizens of the District, and strangers visiting the city, to give them a call; everything will be sold at a moderate profit. It is the first time for ten years that they have appeared before the public in this capacity, and would not now, but for the purpose of liquidating a debt of the Church, and for making some repairs on their place of worship which are actually necessary. The room will be open on Monday from 12 M. to 10 P. M., but on every following day during the week from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

**A CARD.**—The ladies of the Methodist Protestant Church respectfully announce to the public their intention of opening their Fair on Monday, the 29th of April, at Apollo Hall, where they will display their beautiful and elegant collection, comprising the latest patterns of useful and ornamental articles; among which will be found handsome Silk and Worst Embroidery, Shell and Wax Work, chiefly their own work, together with Perfumery, Stationery, Refreshments. Admittance 12½ cents.

**SOMETHING NEW!**  
**SIGN AND AWNING PRINTING.**—The new FRANKLIN JOB PRINTING OFFICE, in E street, between 9th and 10th, is prepared to execute every description of Printing, from a poster down to a visiting card, with elegance, despatch, and at the most reasonable prices. Having procured an extensive assortment of the largest wood letter, (some more than one foot in size,) this office is enabled to print on canvass for signs, awnings, exhibitions, &c., &c., at one-fourth less than the cost of having them painted. Business men, strangers, and others, who may have printing of any description to do, will find it to their advantage to call at the above Job Printing Office.

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### DOG LOST.

**LOST.** On the 30th April last, in the neighborhood of Gadsby's Hotel, a fine Newfoundland pup, about five months old. He is of a tawny orange color, with a white slip on the nose, four white feet, and short hair. He is a remarkable dog for his size, and answers to the name of SCOTT. A liberal reward will be given for his recovery. Apply at this office.

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### NOTICE.

**WHEREAS,** a certain colored woman, by the name of Maria Barton, came to my house on Wednesday last, during my absence, and abused the woman in charge of my premises, without other provocation than being repeatedly ordered off. She was put out of the yard by my housekeeper, whom she struck in the breast with her hand, and afterwards attempted to assault with a brick. In consequence of said abuse and assault, a warrant was procured, and she was fined and held to bail. Although a woman of such notoriously infamous character, the magistrate, Thompson, and Constable Moore, suffered her to swear that my housekeeper was as bad as herself, and that she was a public street walker. I saw the magistrate previous to the trial, and he said there was no occasion for me, as the woman's evidence was sufficient in her own case. They said that my housekeeper should pay a fine and give security, also; and while at the magistrate's, they would not even permit her to go to the door to speak to any person. She bears a good character amongst respectable white people who know her; and for my part, I say, that she has conducted herself with prudence and propriety while she has lived with me—not being given to rioting or strolling the streets after hours. I wish the public to know how she has been treated by a combination of persons. She is very hard of hearing—and the only thing they urge against her is, that she calls loudly after her children when doing wrong!

In consideration of said treatment, I warn all disorderly persons, either black or white, from coming on to my premises without a written note directed to me respecting their business, and in no way to disturb or ill treat any of my servants at home or in the streets.

GEORGE BOWEN.

WASHINGTON, April 29, 1844.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY.**—

Books of the American Sunday School Union may be always had at the Bookstore of R. FARNHAM, corner of 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, at the same price as at the Depository in Philadelphia.

## BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

### AWFUL SCENES!

FURTHER RIOTS—CONFLAGRATION AND LOSS OF LIFE.

We are compelled to record still more painful scenes, as having occurred in Kensington yesterday afternoon and evening. Language is inadequate to express the indignation and horror which these fearful outrages, embracing the slaughter of a number of citizens, have excited in all properly regulated minds. The death of a single individual, under such circumstances as have just transpired, is calculated to produce excitement; but in the present case life after life has been sacrificed, while dozens of individuals have been wounded, and quite a number fatally. The impression is, too, that if the military had made their appearance upon the ground early, most of the tragical scenes of yesterday would have been prevented.

We have given an account of the deplorable scenes of Monday night, and of a large public meeting, produced by the excitement and indignation, which was held in the State House Yard yesterday afternoon. That meeting, on adjoining, proceeded to the Washington market, Kensington. They had hardly assembled there, however, before other appalling events took place, and several persons, Native Americans, were shot down. The muskets were, it is said, fired from the Hibernia House, the houses in the neighborhood, and the mouths of one or two alleys, the meeting being in the market house immediately opposite. As soon as these death-wounds were given, the excitement became intense. The Hose House was fired, and soon kindled into a blaze, which extended to a number of dwellings, frame and brick, on both sides and in the rear, and the conflagration thus produced, continued for hours. The Native Americans were driven out of the market house, but soon rallied, while ever and anon muskets were discharged by the Irish, some of which did fatal execution.

For squares around the scene of action crowds assembled, exciting stories were related, painful details were given, while the dead and wounded were carried along on sofas, expressions of indignation and sympathy of the strongest kind were uttered. We saw several bodies carried by us in this way. In some cases the sufferers exhibited signs of a truly heart-rending kind, their wounds bleeding, and their clothes dyed in blood. Dozens of families, nay hundreds, were flying through the day and evening from the scene of peril, some in one direction and some in another. Among them were old men and old women, mothers with little children, boys and girls—all excited and panic-stricken. The burning houses, with their lurid flames, presented after night-fall another fearful feature of the scene.

One account last night stated the number killed at 7, and the wounded at 15.

An Irishman, who came out of an alley, levelled his musket and shot a man, returned, probably to reload. He was watched, and soon appeared again, when he levelled his piece at another. He was seized, while in the act of pulling the trigger, his musket was taken from him, and on being searched, a flask of powder and a number of balls were found in his possession. While on his way to the alderman's office, a rope was put round his neck, he was dragged through the streets by the populace, partially hung in the Second street market to a hook, and so severely beaten and injured, that he is not likely to recover.

A dropping fire of musketry was continued on both sides towards the close, the Native Americans having, after a number of their companions were killed, obtained arms. A large body of military appeared on the ground between 8 and 9 o'clock.

No attempt was made by the firemen to extinguish the flames until a quarter before ten, when the obnoxious property had been destroyed; the military interfered to protect the engines, several of which commenced playing on the adjoining houses.

From twenty to thirty small buildings were destroyed by the fire, which was burning at a late hour.

Several of the Irish are said to have been killed or wounded while in the act of escaping from the burning houses.

During the day, a party of men and boys carried the American flag through the streets, with a board, on which there was an inscription, denoting that it was the flag which had been trampled upon by the disturbers of the meeting on Friday night.

The military were under the command of General Cadwallader, and were out in considerable strength. The Sheriff's posse accompanied the military. The volunteers were fully armed, and had with them two pieces of artillery. They took their station south of the Washington Market, and while the fire was still burning. The market house, at least the wooden part of it, was entirely consumed. The military had possession of the ground by ten o'clock.—*Philad. Inquirer* of yesterday.

### GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING ARTICLES.

WE have received from Philadelphia an extensive invoice of Wearing Apparel, to be sold cheaper than ever—for instance: Shirts, with linen bosoms and wristbands, for 80 cents, worth \$1.25; Do. super with long bosoms and Byron collars, suitable for summer wear, for \$1.25—just the same article they ask you \$2.50 for in other dignities; Do. super do., all linen, for \$3! What! all linen, for \$3! Why, they charge \$5 elsewhere—they must be common and coarse. No, they ain't, either—call and see—they speak for themselves. Bosoms, for 12½, 18½, 25, 37½, and 50 cents; Collars, at 12½, 18½, and 25 cents, worth 50 cents; Do. super do. French, at 37½ and 50 cents. Summer Stocks, 37½ cents—worth 75 cents. Black Italian Silk Cravats, Scarfs, Gloves, and Hosiery, with a large assortment of Summer Clothing at Northern prices.

LEWIS & HUNT,

Penn. avenue, near 11th st.

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**AUCTION CARD.**

THE undersigned respectfully call the attention of citizens generally to their new arrangements for the conducting of the Auction and Commission Business, having added two large rooms in the rear of their store for the arrangement of sales, both public and private.

We would solicit consignments of Furniture, Crockery, and Glassware, Hardware, Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Books and Stationery, and of personal property generally.

Special attention given to sales at private buildings, which will be conducted by W. B. Lewis.

Cash advances made when required on goods not limited.

LEWIS & HUNT, Auctioneers.

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Pennsylvania avenue, near 11th st.

## MAY BALL.

MR. F. C. LABBE has the honor to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, that his May Ball will take place on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, at the Assembly Rooms, where large improvements have been made for the accommodation of Ladies relative to seats, &c., &c.

Gentlemen's tickets to be obtained at Mr. Fischer's Stationers' Hall, Mr. Patterson's Drug Store, Mr. France, Athenaeum Buildings, Mr. Callan's, corner of E and 7th streets, Mr. Clements' Stationery store, Georgetown, and at the door on the evening of the Ball.

N. B. Ladies who have not received invitations will please forward their names as early as possible. may 6-4t

### A CARD.

J. H. GIBBS takes this method of returning his thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of Washington city and its vicinity for their liberal patronage, and also to inform them that he has just returned from New York with a large and handsome assortment of new and fashionable goods, which will be opened this day, at his Fancy Store, Pennsylvania avenue, between 8th and 9th streets, opposite the Centre Market. ap 22-1m

**HAIR BRUSHES AND COMBS.**—Just received at the Washington Perfumery and Fancy Emporium, corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th street, an additional supply of Hair, Tooth, Nail, and Shaving BRUSHES.

Tuck, Side, Dressing, and Pocket COMBS. Which now renders my assortment one of the most complete offered for sale in this District.

The public are respectfully invited to call and examine. JAMES CLEPHANE, mar 14— Corner of Penn. Av. and 12th st.

**DRUGS AND MEDICINES.** WALLACE ELIOT & CO., corner of F and 12th streets, have just received a fresh supply of Drugs and Medicines, viz—

Alcohol	Sup. Carb. Soda
Gum Camphor	Prepared Chalk
Sulph. Quinine	Pearl Sago
Gum Arabic (extra)	Rice Flour
Lump Magnesia	Refined Liquorice
Cream Tartar	Turkey Opium

And a variety of other articles, too numerous to mention.

Also, an assortment of popular **PATENT MEDICINES**, now in use; such as Oldridge's Balm of Columbia; Thompson's Eye Water; Leidy's Sarsaparilla Pills; Brandreth's Pills; Peters' Pills; Pease's Candy; Frey's Vermifuge. may 1-1m

**HOUSE WANTED.** A FRAME HOUSE, with six rooms, near Pennsylvania avenue, between 4th and 10th streets. Apply at the office of WM. W. STEWART, may 6-3t 6th street, Gadsby's Hotel.

**A PAIR OF HORSES, A GREAT BARGAIN, AT PRIVATE SALE.**

PERSONS desirous of obtaining a good pair of family Horses, will find it to their advantage to give me a call, as I have a very superior pair of blood Mares, of good bottom and fair travellers, perfectly sound, kind in harness, and sold for no fault. They are well recommended. Price moderate.

WM. MARSHALL, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

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**LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW CHEAP CASH STORE.**—The subscriber has just received, in addition to his former stock, 50 pieces beautiful new style Balzamines, Lawns, and Beroges of the most choice and richest patterns.

**ALSO—**  
4 dozen Neapolitan Bonnets [do  
5 do Modena, Birdseye, Shell, Gimp, and Braided  
5 do Bustle Skirts, and Grass Linen for Skirts  
2 cases handsome Calicoes  
A large assortment of Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs and Fancy Cravats  
100 pieces Fancy Plaid Cassimeres, Gambroons, and Linen Drillings  
And every other article appertaining to Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear.

Come, Ladies and Gentlemen, one and all, To the store of S. T. WALL,

Where great bargains can be obtained. Pennsylvania avenue, betw. 8th and 9th sts., may 6-d1w&3taw2w Opposite Centre Market.

**TO THE AFFLICTED!**  
**HAMPTON'S VEGETABLE TINCTURE FOR THE CURE OF CHRONIC DISEASES.**—

The most safe and certain remedy ever known to the world for various chronic diseases, after they have reached a state, and assumed a character, hitherto considered desperate and incurable.

Chronic Rheumatism, Scrofula, Kings Evil, attended with swellings and ulcers, sore eyes, and loss of sight, to a frightful extent, have been cured. Females pining away by reason of deranged secretions, broken calculations, and obstructed menses, (monthly courses) even when attended by spasms or fits, have been readily relieved.

Dyspepsia yields without a struggle to its mild yet powerful action upon the stomach. In Catarrh, or Cough, Rheumatism, and Fistula, it never fails to cure, as we have fully proved. All diseases having their origin in an impure state of the blood and fluids, will be speedily and effectually removed by this invaluable medicine.

This tincture tends directly to excite a healthy action in the stomach, liver, lungs, and kidneys, to purify the blood and other fluids, by expelling every particle of morbid matter from the system, and therefore never fails to prove a valuable remedy for the diseases which calomel has been invariably used. Old sores and ulcers, or any chronic affection; and for the calomel disease, it is an infallible remedy.

This remedy is perfectly vegetable, mild, agreeable, and safe for persons of any age, either sex, or any condition, acknowledged by those who have tried it, to be the best known family medicine.

The justly celebrated tincture creates a craving appetite, and the patient is left at liberty to indulge it. The use of this medicine will change the complexion from a palid to a fine blooming one. After using this tincture for six weeks, a person of any age may eat anything that a child of ten years of age, in full health, could eat, without the least inconvenience.

Dr. Hampton is in possession of certificates from the Hon. Henry Clay, Col. Richard M. Johnson, Hon. John B. Dawson, of La., and many others, who have been benefited by the use of this tincture.

For certificates, &c., see pamphlet.

**REMEMBER!** Hampton's Vegetable Tincture can be had only at the Segar Store of

H. G. RITTER,

Pennsylvania avenue, between 11th and 12th streets, and at

A. G. GARDNER'S

Seed Store, F street, between 9th and 10th streets, opposite the Catholic church.

Each bottle has the proprietor's signature on the label. may 8-6m

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**—Two two story Brick Houses, on N. Jersey avenue, two squares from the Capitol. They are finished with basement rooms and large areas in front; folding doors to the parlors; three handsome chambers in the second story, and finished attics; the hill is being graded, and brick footways laid. These are good comfortable houses, and, to a good tenant, will be let low, or sold at a reasonable price. Apply to R. PATTEN, jan 30-tf Penn. Av., betw. 10th and 11th sts.

**BECKWITH'S ANTI-DYSPEPTIC PILLS.** W. ELIOT & CO. Corner of F and 12th streets.

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## AUCTION SALES.

### SALE THIS DAY.

BY HOLMEAD & WRIGHT.

CONTINUATION OF SALE OF VALUABLE BOOKS ON THURSDAY EVENING.

WE shall continue the sale of valuable Books, commencing at 7 o'clock—amongst which will be found the highly prized new editions and publications of the day, so much sought for in the Eastern cities. Catalogues can be had, and books seen, at our store.

Books and Prints at private sale during this week. may 8-3t HOLMEAD & WRIGHT.

### BY WILLIAM MARSHALL.

### SALE THIS DAY.

FURNITURE, DRY GOODS, &c., AT AUCTION.

ON THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 9th, at 9 o'clock, I will sell in front of my store, a good and handsome assortment of Furniture, new and second hand, together with a lot of Dry Goods, &c. Among the assortment are

Sofas, bureaux, card and dining tables, sideboards Mahogany chairs, cane and wood bottom do Washstands, toilet tables, looking glasses High and low post bedsteads, beds, mattresses Bedding, carpets, curtains, poles, &c. Wardrobes, shovels and tongs, andirons, fenders Plates, dishes, cups and saucers, and tumblers. Also, a lot of Dry Goods, Clothing, &c. may 8-2t WM. MARSHALL, Auctioneer.

**HANDSOME MAHOGANY AND OTHER FURNITURE AT AUCTION.**

ON SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 11th, at 9½ o'clock, I will sell, in front of my store, a handsome assortment of Furniture, together with a lot of good and well kept second-hand Furniture, Crockery, and Kitchen Utensils, viz:

Sofas, lounges, divans, and ottomans, secretaries Pillar & claw card, dining, pier, and centre tables Pier pedestal do., with marble slabs Dressing bureaux, with do do Mah